

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the outstanding Office Action dated July 30, 2007, wherein the Examiner rejected pending claims 1-2 and 8-12, but did indicate that claims 3 and 4 were allowable if rewritten in appropriate independent form. This indication of allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments made herein and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

As an initial matter, in response to the Examiner's rejection as to claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. 112 and 101, Applicant has canceled this claim. Therefore, the rejection of claim 12 is no longer applicable.

In response to the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter with respect to dependent claim 3, and in order to better define the claimed invention, pending claim 3 has been rewritten as independent claim 13. Moreover, dependent claims 2, 4 and 8-11 have been amended to make the language of each more clear. Further, Applicant has added three new dependent claims 14-16 in order to recite further features of the invention.

Accordingly, and again in view of the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter, it is submitted that claims 2, 4, 8-11, and 13-16 are allowable subject matter.

Applicant also presents new independent claims 17, which is directed to an apparatus or device for automatic drawing out of a liquid from a bottle, in which there is a drawing tab body, a first channel for receiving inert gas and for directing the gas into the bottle, a second channel for receiving drawn liquid, a spout that is in communication with the second channel and through which the drawn liquid is dispensed, and a third channel for receiving inert gas and directing the gas through the spout in order to clean the spout. As stated in the application as filed, one of the significant features of Applicant's inventive device is that it enables "the cleaning

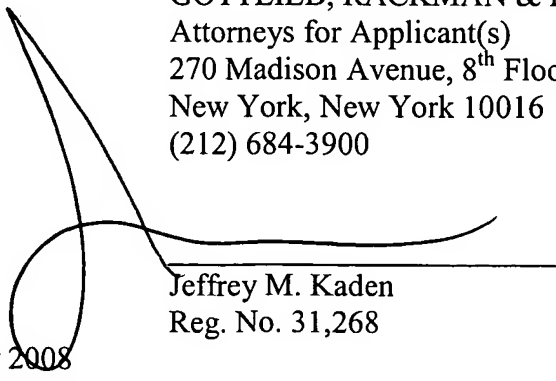
of the drawing tap after the drawing”. This is achieved by blowing a “jet of gas” through the third channel 21, which cleans and removes any remaining drops of liquid located in the spot 19 and in some portion of the second channel 17. This feature is affirmatively recited in new dependent claim 17.

None of the references relied upon by the Examiner in the July 30, 2007 Office Action teaches or suggests this feature. Accordingly, it is submitted that new independent claim 17, as well as newly presented dependent claims 18-24, are also directed to allowable subject matter.

Finally, Applicant has presented new independent method claim 25. The method recited in this claim includes the step of directing an inert gas into a bottle in order to remove at least some of the liquid contained therewithin, receiving the removed liquid in a channel, dispensing the removed liquid that is contained in the channel through a spout, and then cleaning at least the spout by directing an inert gas therethrough. Again, the critical feature of cleaning the spout by blowing the gas therethrough is affirmatively recited in new independent method claim 25. Accordingly, it is submitted that the method described in independent claim 25 and dependent claims 26 and 27 are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art.

Early and favorable Action with respect to this application is respectfully requested.

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